

## Licensed Child Care Home Advisory Committee

January 23, 2013

**Bureau Staff Present:** Melanie Brizzi

**Advisory Board Members Present:** Karen Burnside-Strack, Tammy Dunn, Noel Hanson, Ginny Harman, Latrina Johanning, Coleen Land, Stephanie McKinstry, Jennifer Quartucci, Joey Scherschel-Buckles, Maria Wynne, Eryn Wolf

**Advisory Board Members Absent:** Lena Burns, Sabrina Harris, Marci Graves, Tamela Hunt, Tracy Renfro, Ranee' Armstrong, Rebecca Kenworthy and Brenda Kennedy

**Old Business:** Tammy made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2012 meeting, Karen Burnside – Strack seconded.  
**Motion Carried.**

### **New Business:**

1. Latrina Johanning volunteered to record meeting minutes. All in favor of Latrina Johanning serving as Secretary was seconded. Motion carried.
2. Tammy Dunn introduced a new member. Eryn Wolf is a mother of two (2) and is from the southeast region of Indiana, in New Albany. Eryn has two (2) licensed facilities at the same location. She has been a provider for three (3) years, and licensed for two (2) years.
3. Melanie Brizzi has been tracking upcoming Bills that pertain specifically to child care, early childhood and pre – K. She has informed the members of a few key legislation Bills in both the House and Senate. The following Bills have been filed and are awaiting a hearing.
  - a) **House Bill 1003** - Increases the amount, from \$1,000 to \$3,000, that a taxpayer may deduct for certain unreimbursed education expenditures. Provides that a taxpayer may carry forward a school scholarship income tax credit for a taxable year that begins after December 31, 2012. Establishes a preschool education scholarship and tax credit program.
  - b) **House Bill 1004** - Establishes the early education scholarship pilot program to provide supplemental funding for eligible children receiving eligible services from certain early education providers.
  - c) **House Bill 1006** - Child Care Criminal Code background classification: Provider causes harm to a child in care a class A misdemeanor or A type Felony, depending on the offense.
  - d) **House Bill 1123** – Components of success of children, and tracking the status of a child's development.
  - e) **Senate Bill 1239** – Updates to requirements of Providers participating in the CCDF program.
  - f) **Senate Bill 30** – Establishes the early childhood literacy grant program as a two year pilot program within the division of family resources. Requires the division of family resources to establish, implement, and evaluate the program and report to the legislative council concerning the program. Appropriates money from the build Indiana fund.
  - g) **Senate Bill 114** - Requires child care provider applicants, employees, and volunteers to undergo national criminal history background checks. Amends the list of convictions for which an individual is prohibited from being employed by or volunteering for a child care ministry. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the committee on child care.)
  - h) **Senate Bill 129** – Child Advance Level.
  - i) **Senate Bill 186** – Recognize child Care Ministries.
  - j) **Senate Bill 187** – Provides a one year period during which a child care ministry that does not meet the new definition may make changes to continue operating as a child care provider. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the committee on child care.)
  - k) **Senate Bill 239** – Establishes the paths to quality income tax credit. Provides that an individual is entitled to a refundable income tax credit for each dependent child of the individual attending a child care facility that voluntarily participates in the paths to quality rating system (qualified child care facility) and that has a quality rating of level 2 or higher. Provides that the amount of the credit is based on the number of months the dependent child attends the qualified child care facility and the quality rating of the qualified child care facility. Requires the division of family resources to adopt rules to administer the paths to quality rating system.
  - L) **Senate Bill 301** – Specifies requirements related to use of a curriculum as a condition of eligibility for federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)voucher payments. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the committee on child care.)
  - M) **Senate/House Bill 305** – Specifies requirements that must be met by a child care provider as a condition of eligibility to receive a federal Child Care and Development Fund voucher payment. Sets forth a disciplinary process for suspension or revocation of eligibility. Requires certain child care providers to obtain national criminal history background checks of individuals who are employed by or volunteer for a provider. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the committee on child care.)

- N) **Senate/House Bill 502** – A pre – K education pilot program will be established for 3 - 4 year olds. This will be limited to 1,000 children. This program is through the Indiana Department of Education.
- O) **Senate/House Bill 602** – Requires the department of education to establish standards, requirements, and guidelines for approving preschool education programs for children four years of age. Provides for minimum requirements. Requires schools to apply and get department approval of a proposed preschool education program in order for the school to qualify for funding. Provides, for purposes of the state tuition support formula, an additional one-half pupil to the ADM count for any child who is enrolled in an approved preschool education program.

Melanie Brizzi will send out an email to the members highlighting in depth these Senate and House Bills.

- 4. Melanie Brizzi commented that at the last meeting there was a lot of feedback concerning the Health & Safety Checklist Training Guide. Melanie insisted that if there is any more feedback concerning the Checklist, or requesting the checklist, please send her a quick email requesting a copy, and she will respond to each email as soon as possible.
- 5. Noel Hanson set up a Facebook page to promote the Licensed Child Care Home Advisory Committee. As the new President of the Committee Tammy Dunn will take over any administrative duties pertaining to the Facebook page. If anyone has any information that they would like to share pertaining to child care, early childhood or programs supporting these please send the information to Tammy Dunn. The Licensed Child Care Home Advisory Committee Facebook page is open to the public and is supported by an open ended group. Melanie Brizzi will send out a link to notify State Licensors that the Indiana child Care Home Advisory Committee has a Facebook page.  
The Committee Facebook page can be found at:

[IndianaChildCareHomes@groups.facebook.com](mailto:IndianaChildCareHomes@groups.facebook.com)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/IndianaChildCareHomes/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/IndianaChildCareHomes/)

**Other Business:**

Tammy Dunn will send out a list of all current board members via email.

Debbie Sampson will be filling three (3) open Board Member’s positions on the Advisory Board.

Noel Hanson’s facility has hosted TB and Flu immunizations. For more information please contact Noel Hanson.

Indiana Homeland Security in partnership with The Bureau of Child Care is putting together an Emergency Preparedness Planning Guide. A free training webinar will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. This is a one (1) hour training session. Melanie Brizzi will send out an email inviting all who are interested to participate in this webinar. Provider input is essential.

Stephanie McKinstry asked the members, “in light of the Sandy Hook school incident, is it correct in thinking that the provider Open Door Policy be revised with an addendum?” The question was ask, “Should we lock our doors? Melanie Brizzi advised, whatever changes Providers make for the safety and welfare of the children in their care that all exits need to be accessible to the children to exit the home on their own. Melanie Brizzi commented that having a safe place outside the daycare home would be helpful. Daycare clients should be advised is there is a safe place the Provider will take the children in the event the daycare facility is unsafe.

Melanie Brizzi also advised that any Provider that makes changes to their security policy need to contact their License Adviser. Noel Hanson added that Providers have to be careful not to disclose all of their safety policies to anyone that maybe harmful to the safety of the Provider’s daycare.

Stephanie McKinstry asked if there was any way information or lists pertaining to any grants can be compiled and put on the Committee Facebook page? Rebecca Kenworthy commented that the State has a database with a list of local and state grant information. Melanie Brizzi added, the State database is only as accurate as the information that is given from the Provider. Please make sure any and all information pertaining to your daycare program is up to date and accurate.

Stephanie McKinstry will be hosting a presentation at the Indiana Early Childhood Conference In April.

For the April meeting, Members are encouraged to be prepared with open ended discussions about the Paths to QUALITY program. Good and bad input is encouraged.

**Bureau of Child Care Business:**

No Bureau updates

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Tammy Dunn to end the meeting, and Melanie Brizzi seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.